



MINUTES OF THE PEORIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
March 26, 2025

A **Study Session** of the City Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 West Monroe Street in open and public session at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jason Beck; Vice Mayor Jennifer Crawford; Mayor Pro Michael Finn; Councilmembers, Rick Stokes, Denette Dunn (Telephonically), Jon Edwards and Matt Bullock.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Henry Darwin, City Manager; Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager; Travis Cutright, Deputy City Manager; Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager; Emily Jurmu, City Attorney; Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Subject(s) for Discussion Only

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Study Session

Henry Darwin, City Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided a brief summary of upcoming council meeting dates for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget adoption process. Information included:

- Tentative Budget Adoption scheduled for May 6th
- Capital Improvement Plan scheduled for May 6th
- Public Hearings for Utility Rates, Truth in Taxation, and Final Budget May 20th
- Property Tax Adoption scheduled for June 3rd

Mr. Darwin provided an outline of the budget summary that demonstrated substantial progress in council priorities. Information included:

- Budget Summary
- Revenue Enhancement and Government Efficiency

Peter Christenson, Deputy Finance Director, presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget financial policies. Information included:

- Principles of Sound Financial Management
- Budget Process Timeline
- FY 26 Budget Total
- Key Projects

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- Capital Budget and Carryover
- Key Projects in Construction FY 26
- Capital Budget by Source
- Employee Compensation
- Supplemental Requests
- Authorized Personnel by Function

Mr. Darwin highlighted the following areas:

- Administration Departments Notable Budget Items

Mike Faust, Deputy City Manager, presented on development departments, which included Planning & Community Development, Development and Engineering, and Economic Development. Information included:

- Key Budget Resources
- Development Departments Notable Budget Items

Kevin Burke, Deputy City Manager, presented on development departments, which included Arts, Culture, and Library, Neighborhood & Human Services, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and Water Services. Information included:

- Key Budget Resources
- Development Departments Notable Budget Items

The meeting recessed from 5:00 p.m. to 5:21 p.m.

Travis Cutright, Deputy City Manager, presented on development departments, which included the Police Department and Fire and Medication Department. Information included:

- Key Budget Resources
- Development Departments Notable Budget Items

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Staff Retention and Recruitment
- RTCC Reporting for Immediate Accidents

Presiding Municipal Judge John Tatz, displayed a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the court's notable budget items for FY26.

Discussion ensued regarding possible technology enhancement needs for the Court Department, Public Safety Recruitment Plans, Equipment and Vehicle Replacement,

The meeting recessed from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Faust displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Information included:

Public Safety CIP Projects:

- Multipurpose Police Facility – Construction FY26-27
- Pinnacle Peak Public Safety Campus Phased Expansion – Construction FY27
- Fire Station No. 8 – Construction FY27
- Public Safety Helicopter – Procure FY26

Water Security CIP Projects:

- Water & Wastewater Reclaimed Project 2 (Beardsley & Vistancia Reclaimed System) – Construction FY26/27
- CAP/LPP Intersection Wellfield Zone 6E Reservoir & Booster Pump Station – Construction FY26/27 – Construction FY26
- Well Projects (Includes new wells, replacement and rehabilitation)
- Agua Fria West Wellfield – Construction FY30-31 at Jomax and Agua Fria River vicinity.
- CAP Pump Station Rehabilitation – Quintero Water Treatment Facility FY26
- Various CIP Wastewater Programs – Construction FY26
- Advanced Water Purification Treatment (Includes feasibility study, design and construction, and advanced treatment techniques) – Construction FY33-35

Discussion ensued regarding reclaimed water.

Mr. Faust continued with the presentation and highlighted CIP projects in the Peoria Innovation Core (PIC) and illustrated the PIC Infrastructure Map.

Peoria Innovation Core (PIC) Projects:

- Transportation Feasibility Study
- Lake Pleasant Parkway L303 to CAP
- Lake Pleasant Parkway New Traffic Signal
- 96th Avenue; CAP to L303, Except Traffic Interchange – Construction FY27-FY30
- Agua Fria Regional Wastewater Lift Station

Parks & Recreation CIP Projects:

- CIP Park History
- Sports Complex Improvements – Construction FY26/27, FY30
- Park Court Renovations
- Park Playground Improvements
- Parks Refresh Program

Other CIP Projects:

- Fleet Shop Replacement
- Municipal Complex Entry Plaza
- Council Chamber Renovation
- Downtown Redevelopment
- Grand Avenue & 87th Avenue Pedestrian Overpass
- Schoolhouse Renovation

Drainage and Streets CIP Projects:

- 75th Avenue and Olive Avenue Regional Basin
- Citywide Drainage Program and Drainage Projects
- 67th Avenue; Pinnacle Peak to Happy Valley
- Northern Parkway; Agua Fria to 91st Avenue
- El Mirage Road; Loop 303 to Jomax Road
- Vistancia Blvd and Happy Valley Road Intersection Re-Alignment
- Jomax Road; Dysard Road to 126th Drive
- Westward Skies Drive, Vistancia Blvd to Five North
- Jomax Road Improvements: 72nd Drive to 75th Avenue
- Pinnacle Peak Road; Lake Pleasant Pkwy to 107th Avenue Roadway and Drainage
- Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation
- Public Works ADA Accessibility
- Traffic Control
- Community Works Program

Discussion ensued regarding Northern Parkway Agua Fria to 91st Avenue roadway construction and construction communication with bordering cities.

Mr. Burke summarized other CIP Projects based on council feedback. Information included:

- Sports Complex Field Conversion and Parking Lot
- Paloma Recreation Center Programming and Conceptual Design
- Emergency Communications Equipment
- Ongoing Veterans Event

Discussion ensured regarding the needs for the Paloma Recreation Center expansion, revenue drivers, infrastructure reimbursement, and technical emergency management and communication system. Information also included:

- Finalize Fee Forecast model with new fee using FY24 volume
- Conduct comparative market analysis
- Post 60-day public notice
- Present final fees for Council review and consideration

- Implement new fee ordinance by July 1st

Mr. Faust presented the Development Fees Update and illustrated the council policies that govern the fees, which are covered by Council Policies 1-11 (General Fund-Social Programs) and 1-12 (Development Service Fees). He also illustrated administrative fee schedule process improvements alternations in the next three years for each city department.

Mr. Burke acknowledged the Finance and Budget Department team for their hard work in drafting the FY26 budget and adjusting to various changes throughout the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jason Beck, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct summary of the proceedings of the City Council Workshop of the City Council of Peoria, Arizona held on the 26th day of March, 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 22th day of April, 2025.

Agnes Goodwine, City Clerk